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Perspectives on State violence: A comparative analysis of Portugal and the USA

In this communication we will present a comparative analysis of how citizens from two countries with different levels on involvement in armed conflict and different traditions

regarding State's use of force – Portugal and the USA – perceive the use of violence by the State.

Subjects' opinions related to State rights to apply the death penalty, to use torture, to ignore human rights, to kill innocent civilians and to use violence against their own citizens will deserve sepecial consideration.

The analysis will be both quantitative and qualitative, based on the Personal and Institutional Rights to Aggression Scale – PAIRTAS (Malley-Morrison, 2006), which is being administered in the context of an intercultural research project that intends to characterize international perspectives on institutional violence, particularly violence by governments, and citizens rights to peace.

The diagram shows a 10x10 grid with the letter 'e' placed in various cells. The distribution is as follows:

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